

## NEW TERM OF COURT

Is Convened Monday Morning By Judge Blair

After The January Session Is Brought To Close

Assignment Of Jury Cases Is First Order Of Business

Answer Is Made By Jacobs In Baker Damage Suit

Metcalfe Will Probated—Miscellaneous Court Items

The January term of common pleas court was adjourned sine die Monday morning and the April term was convened by Judge Blair.

The docket was called and attorneys announced the status of the various cases.

An assignment of cases for jury trial will be made to commence on May 15, on which date the petit jury is to report for duty. In the meantime, Judge Blair will hear motions and other matters that go to the court without the intervention of the jury.

The grand jury assembled at 1 p. m. There were two absentees on account of illness—John H. Burke and F. W. Loney. The vacancies were filled by Court Bailiff Purcell by the calling of Joseph Myers of the Second ward and D. C. Stone of the Fourth ward. The court appointed Jay Walker foreman and the oath was administered to him.

The same oath administered to the foreman was taken by the other members of the grand jury, whereupon Judge Blair gave the usual instructions.

Answer Filed—

R. L. Jacobs has filed an answer in the damage suit brought against him and his son, Charles, by Arthur S. Baker, admitting ownership of automobile and operation of same by his son on June 13, 1915, but avers that he has been improperly made a party defendant. He claims to be uninformed about alleged striking of Baker by the machine and states that if such were the cause, it was due to plaintiff's negligence. He further denies responsibility for alleged injuries in view of his not being present in the car at the time. In the light of this alleged fact, he asks that the suit be dismissed. Robert L. Carr is his attorney.

Suit on Note—

Smith Gearhart has instituted proceedings against Cora E. Klein and others seeking to recover \$500 on a promissory note, secured by a mortgage on real estate. Ewalt and Blair for the plaintiff.

Motion Filed—

Through her attorneys, L. C. Stillwell, Columbus Ewalt and Robert L. Carr, Bessie M. Owen, executrix, has

filed a motion to strike out certain sections of the petition of Charles L. Owen and Robert K. Owen seeking construction of the will of Frank V. Owen.

Emma Metcalfe's Will—

The will of Emma P. Metcalfe has been admitted to probate. It was executed on Nov. 2, 1915, with Ella O. Bartlett and Clinton M. Rice as witnesses. After the payment of all debts and the erection of a monument costing \$100, she bequeaths all remaining property to her mother, Sarah Metcalfe, and her husband, William Metcalfe, during their life time, with authority to sell personal property. After their death, the residue of the estate shall be sold and the proceeds divided among her children.

Sale Ordered—

In the assignment of John W. Tilton, an order for private sale has been issued to Frank C. Hite, assignee of stock and merchandise.

Motion Filed—

A motion for a rehearing of exceptions to the account of the executor of John Albert has been filed.

Guardian Appointed—

Bertha Meek has been appointed guardian of Virginia D. Meek, a minor, giving \$1,200 bond with Lewis W. Hardesty and George M. Miller as sureties.

Order Issued—

An order for private sale of real estate has been issued in the action of Clinton M. Rice, guardian of Susie J. Hoover, a minor, vs. Susie I. Hoover.

Account Filed—

Lysander Simpkins, executor of B. J. Simpkins, has filed a first and final account, showing \$1,649.17 received and disbursed.

Third Partial—

A third partial account has been filed by Thompson Dowds, guardian of Lola Dowds, and others, minors, showing \$917.71 received, \$515.70 disbursed, leaving balance of \$402.01 due wards.

Marriage Licenses—

Warren Horton, laborer, and Zella Bell Styer, both of Buckeye City. George S. Harter, J. P.

Ross Dean Davis, laborer, Mansfield and Pearl Mae Edwards, Mt. Vernon. Rev. J. A. Long.

Deeds Filed—

Harry D. Hookway to Ira Atwood, part lot 7 of Magers and Severns' addition to Mt. Vernon, \$1.

William H. Fry to A. J. Rine, 105.80 acres in Jackson, \$4,000.

Alfred Tisserand to C. V. Banbury, 140 acres in Jefferson, \$3,500.

Susan Walter to Scott Robinson, part lot 59, Delmont addition to Mt. Vernon, \$100.

Lee Butler, administrator, to Benjamin Butler, parcel in Mt. Vernon, \$750.

No Bidders—

The property in the case of J. L. Bowers vs. Emma Thatcher and others was not sold Saturday afternoon by Sheriff Woolson for want of bidders.

DEATHS

Harrison Ferris

Harrison Ferris died Monday morning at 6:30 o'clock at his home in Fredericktown after a ten days' illness of a complication of diseases. The deceased was 74 years of age and was well known in Knox county, having served two terms as county commissioner. He is survived by his wife, two sons and two daughters, all of this county. The funeral at the late home Wednesday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock. Interment, in Forest cemetery.

D. C. Dewitt

Word has been received here of the death in New York city Saturday of D. C. Dewitt, professor of chemistry in Cooper institute, after a short illness of pneumonia. The deceased was born at Brink Haven, this county, and went to New York many years ago. He is survived by his wife. The funeral and interment in New York Tuesday.

Brown Colley

Brown Colley of West Chestnut street died Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Mt. Vernon hospital, following an illness of acute nephritis. The deceased came here last December and was employed with the Mt. Vernon Bridge Co. He recently secured a patent on a vaporizing process which promised to return well. He has a sister, Mrs. Morgan, in New York city.

WILD WEST COMING

C. W. Finney, advance agent for the 101 Ranch Wild West, is in the city making arrangements for its appearance here on May 9. Buffalo Bill is with this company.

## OPENING

OF THE REMODELED BAPTIST CHURCH SUNDAY MORNING

When a Series of Meetings Was inaugurated by Dr. Conant to Continue Several Days

(Contributed.)

Two wonderful sermons were delivered Sunday at the Baptist church. The word "evangelist" often means in the public mind something sensational. One wondered Sunday if the shade of D. L. Moody had come back. The entrance was so quiet that it was hardly realized that the congregation was really opening and entering their new building for religious services. Only the first floor room was used, however, and it will continue to be the meeting place until the entire building is completely finished.

Dr. Conant's first sermon was one of great power and gripped the hearts of his hearers. The text was from Acts 1:8: "But ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you." The word power is translated from the Greek word "dynamis" from which comes the word dynamite. Hence his subject "Dynamite." Dr. Conant then surprised his hearers with a message which seemed so much larger than the speaker. And it was larger, for it had the big message of the Word in it.

He said men are searching everywhere for power with which to run their mills, their business and all human affairs. Is this quest for power good or bad? It is good if men seek the higher power of God also.

What are the facts which we face today? asked the speaker. And then in a most searching, but kindly, manner he mercilessly exposed the lack of power and its uses by the churches. Of the 1,600,000,000 people, 1,000,000,000 never heard the gospel. The nations of Europe, supposedly Christian nations, are at each others' throats in a useless war. Worldliness prevails in the churches. Lack of converted power and life manifested everywhere. Commenting upon the words, "ye shall be my witnesses," he said that but few attended prayer meetings and if a man attempted to get up and say anything there his sermon shook with embarrassment because he was not used to it. Finally, in a wonderfully eloquent peroration he lifted the devotion of his hearers with the vision of what they could do if endowed with the power from on high.

The evening sermon was based upon Ezekiel, chapter 37, and his valley of dry bones. Dry bones mean dead men. Sinners are dead men. The prophet went out into this valley and stood amidst the bones to deliver a sermon to the dead bones. Was he crazy? Yes, if he had not had the "word of the Lord." So is the modern preacher crazy in trying to preach to sinners unless he has the word of the Lord. But the bones came to life. So may sinners by the grace of God.

Meetings tonight and tomorrow night. Subjects: "How Prayer Ripens the Fruit," and "How Evangelism Ripens the Fruit."

## Z. L. WHITE

OF COLUMBUS STARTED HIS BUSINESS CAREER IN MT. VERNON WITH THE CURTIS-SAPP COMPANY.

In the section of the Columbus Dispatch Sunday which was devoted to the Z. L. White store, there appeared several lines of interest to Mt. Vernon people. These are as follows:

"His (Mr. White's) actual business career started when he was offered a clerkship in the dry goods store of the Curtis-Sapp company, in Mt. Vernon. This was in 1858. The job paid \$4 a week. He took it on condition that if he did not like it he would return to Ohio Wesleyan. He liked the business so well, however, that he gave up any further thoughts of continuing his schooling. For two years he worked as clerk in this small store, and at the end of that time, he had saved up the sum of \$150."

The article further tells of Mr. White's decision to open a store of his own in East Liverpool and of his meeting Jared Sperry, a Mt. Vernon merchant, in New York city, who introduced him and established his credit with wholesale houses there.

"Married men begin rioting," says a London headline. Shucks! Just send for their wives. Who ever heard of a married men's riot that ever amounted to anything? England is getting scared of its own shadow. Mrs. E. L. Parker returned Sunday evening from a visit in Columbus.

## SHOOTING OF GEO. SPANGLER

Arose Over Return Of Nugget Of Gold

CONSTABLE HELD AT BAY

When Summoned To Scene Of Quarrel But Bested Spangler In The Gun Play Which Followed His Arrival

Richard West of Globe, Arizona, formerly of this city, has sent The Banner a copy of the Globe Silver Belt, containing an account of the shooting of George B. Spangler, former proprietor of the White Palace theatre here and a cousin of Mrs. Frank Bunn of this city.

The account follows: The shooting occurred in Jesse Hill's grocery store, Spangler staggering out of the building and falling at the entrance, dying in a few minutes.

It is said that there had been some trouble between Hill and Spangler over an alleged fake gold nugget, the property of Hill; that Hill is alleged to have sold it to him for \$40; that the latter changed his mind for some unknown reason and demanded that his money be returned him, and that Hill refused his money. It was claimed by Hill that Spangler refused to return the nugget to him after he had received his money back, and when he demanded it, Spangler drew his gun and threatened to "blow him in two."

M. O. Goodspeed, who was in the adjoining pool hall at the time, was attracted by raised voices and saw Spangler was holding gun in his hand, and sent a boy after constable Brooks. Brooks went into the pool hall and passed into the store. Spangler had his gun in his hand and the officer said: "Young man, you had better give me that gun." Spangler immediately opened fire on the officer, the first shot missing him, and before Brooks could fire he was hit by the second shot. Brooks then returned the fire of Spangler, emptying his gun, and shot him twice in the chest, three shots going wild. Brooks was struck by another bullet from Spangler's gun before the latter turned and stumbled out of the front door.

Dr. Wallace was called and she arrived in a few minutes, but too late to be of any assistance to Spangler, as he died about a minute after his arrival. Brooks was placed in an auto and taken to Dr. Briley's office, where his wounds were dressed, and then taken to his home. His injuries are flesh wounds, one bullet passing through the flesh over his ribs, while the other glanced off a rib.

As a result of the autopsy, steps were taken to ascertain who the person or persons were that shot the unfortunate man besides Constable Brooks. Jesse Hill, owner of the place where the shooting occurred, and Jim Gould, who was in the place at the time, were arrested by Deputy Sheriffs Tom McCullough and Vernon Martin, who

came from Clinton to investigate the matter. The arrests were made on a warrant charging murder, issued upon complaint of James V. Parks. Both men were brought before Justice Bulard for preliminary hearing, which they waived, and bond in each case was fixed at \$3,000. Hill succeeded in making bond, his signer being S. W. Stewart and Tim Chapman, while Gould's bond was signed by Miss Cooper and J. L. Spaw.

George S. Spangler was in partnership with W. F. Rowlee of Silver City and had come to Duncan with a new car which he intended selling here. He was a member of the Elks, Moose and Eagles lodges and in good standing in each.

## MORTGAGES

ON HOMES IN COLUMBUS AND FARMS IN CENTRAL OHIO, THE SECURITIES OF THE BUCKEYE STATE BUILDING & LOAN COMPANY.

1. Loans made promptly.
2. We offer the best terms.
3. Most privileges to borrowers.
4. Time to suit borrowers.
5. Borrowers can pay back in whole or in part at any time.
6. Assets \$10,500,000. Five per cent paid on time deposits.
7. Rankin building, 22 West Gay street, Columbus, Ohio.

## TURTLE

Act Performed By Automobile Sunday Morning

And Three Young Men Have Very Narrow Escape

A mashed top, a broken wind-shield and muddy clothes are all that are left to remind Paul M. Ashbaugh, Bert O. Evans and Harold Alsford of their very narrow escape from serious injury Sunday when their automobile turned turtle with them.

The three were riding in the machine, which belonged to Mr. Alsford, Sunday morning and while going down a hill east of Gambier they struck a pile of soft dirt that had been dumped into a mudhole. The dirt caused the machine to skid and climb a very steep bank at the side of the road from which it tumbled backwards. How they got out of the machine before it overturned is more than any of the three were able to tell, but they all agree that they were exceptionally lucky.

After some little time they managed to right the machine and repair it so that they could make the return trip. The machine limped back to Mt. Vernon about noon Sunday, with its passengers still a little white from the effects of their narrow escape.

Failure is the line of least persistence.

## ANGRY WATERS ARE SEETHING

About Heads Of Republican Commissioners

ROAD FOZZLE IS THE CAUSE

Clay Residents Will Fight Attempt at Needless Retrenchment—Politics and Desire for Re-Election Will Carve Out Final Decision in the Mess

Commissioners Ramey and Wilson are frankly worried over a situation which promises, unless adjusted, to alienate many good votes in Clay and Morgan townships when they come up for re-election. The mess is anything but pleasing to the commissioners and they are making every human effort to adjust affairs.

It appears that these two commissioners, together with County Surveyor Shaw, held an emergency meeting several weeks ago and neglected, either intentionally or otherwise, to notify the third commissioner, John Earlywine, of the session. At this time, word was given out that on account of lack of funds, the Martinsburg-Utica road would have to be a much cheaper affair than originally planned.

When this action became known, residents of Martinsburg and the surrounding community became very, very angry and indignant. The idea that their long-cherished road should be cheapened was anything but pleasing to these gentlemen, and the more they thought and talked, the hotter they became.

Commissioner Earlywine has, in the meanwhile, sat back and chuckled up his sleeve. Left out of the proceedings for some mysterious reason, he is absolved from all responsibility, he believes. One of his pre-election promises was that the road should be built and, though he desires to satisfy his constituency, he is powerless in view of the Republican majority on the board.

Wrathful and indignant, prominent residents of Martinsburg journeyed to Mt. Vernon Monday and with talk of no mild nature, conferred with the Republican commissioners. They pointed out that the state will bear the expense of the up-keep of the road; that the state will pay a goodly portion of the expense of its building and that they should have a first-class highway, and not a mere shoddy substitute.

It is said that politics and aspirations for re-election will play a very prominent part in the decision of the Republican members of the board of commissioners. In the light of this fact, the results will be watched with great interest.

There was a time when a fool was a man who didn't know anything. But nowadays a fool is usually a man who knows it all.

## UNCONSCIOUS

FOR LONG PERIOD AFTER FALL OFF FREIGHT TRAIN—DUBLIN TAKEN HOME.

Unconscious for seven hours as the result of a fall off a freight train near the local B. & O. station Sunday morning at 2 o'clock, the condition of Daniel Dublin was regarded as sufficiently serious to warrant his removal Sunday afternoon to his home in Newark.

Dublin is employed in this city, and had paid a flying visit to Newark. Returning on a freight train, he jumped off when he reached Mt. Vernon, but the train was moving at such a rate of speed that he lost his balance and instantly became unconscious, not recovering until Sunday morning at 9 o'clock.

## BECK'S HEAD

INJURED BY STRIKING AGAINST WHEEL OF WAGON

Samuel Beck of Ringold street met with a very painful accident Saturday afternoon at the Barnard box factory, where he is employed. Mr. Beck was loading boxes on his wagon when he slipped and fell from the wagon to the ground, striking his head on the wheel of the wagon. He sustained a gash in his head which required several stitches to close.

## NEEDLE

REMOVED MONDAY FROM HAND OF MRS. CHEW

Mrs. William Chew of East High street underwent an operation at the Mt. Vernon hospital Monday morning for the removal of a large piece of needle which was broken off in her hand several days ago.

## MAYOR MITCHELL

ASKED TO ADVERTISE MOTHERS' DAY—MAY 14 IS DATE

Mayor Mitchell is in receipt of a letter from Mrs. Samuel Black of Columbus notifying him that Governor Willis has set May 14 as the date for the celebration of Mothers' day throughout the state, and asking him to give local publicity to the same.

Success consists in doing the common things of life uncommonly well.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and for years it was supposed to be incurable. Doctors prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Catarrh is a local disease, greatly influenced by constitutional conditions and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is a constitutional remedy, is taken internally and acts through the blood on the mucous surfaces of the system. One Hundred Dollars reward is offered for any case that Hall's Catarrh Cure fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio. Sold by Druggists, 75c. Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

## To the Women whose Easter Costume is not quite complete:

If for any reason you have not provided all the details of your Easter costume this is a reminder that all the departments featuring wearing apparel are well prepared to serve your last minute needs. Visit the store often this week.



Ladies' and Young Ladies' Suits & Coats

Wooltex Garments  
Stylecraft Garments  
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In every fashionable material and style to fit any figure.

SUITS ... \$10.00 to \$40.00  
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Many pleasing models in a large range of plain materials and colors; also the new plaids, checks and stripes; all sizes ..... \$2.98 TO \$17.50

### Ladies' and Misses' Blouses:

Lingerie, Crepe de Chine and Fancy Silk Blouses; all sizes ..... \$1.00 TO \$12.50  
Middy Blouses made of cotton materials; at ..... 50c TO \$1.50  
Silk Middy Blouses in plain white, tan or the new stripe effects ..... \$3.00 & \$3.50

### Gloves:

Silk Gloves in plain colors and novelty effects; 50c TO \$1.75  
Washable Chamolite Gloves ..... 59c TO \$1.00  
Washable Cape Gloves ..... \$1.50 & \$1.75  
Kid Gloves ..... \$1.25 & \$1.75  
Children's Kid Gloves ..... \$1.00

### Hosiery:

In hile, silk hile, vegetable silk and pure silk. Black, white and many spring shades including novelty stripe and plaid effects; at ..... 25c TO \$1.50

### Ribbons:

An unusually good assortment. Hundreds of pieces of plain and fancy ribbons from the narrowest to the widest widths in all the good colors and newest patterns; exceptional values at ..... 10, 15, 25, 35 & 50c

### Jewelry:

The new ideas in spring jewelry are here now. Cuff Links, Bracelets, Bag Tops, Lavallieres, Beauty Pins, 3-pin Collar and Cuff Sets; Cuff Links, Gold Beads, Scarf Pins, Lockets, Vanity Purses, etc., are shown in great variety of styles and prices, from ..... 25c TO \$1.50



10 YEARS GROWTH  
DEPOSITS APRIL 10th

1906—\$ 670,381.75  
1908— 728,358.03  
1910— 802,457.16  
1912— 933,178.76  
1914— 992,349.76  
1916— 1,073,154.55

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